



Arkansas Milk Production, Cattle, Goat, and Sheep Report

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Quarterly Milk Production Down 19 Percent in Arkansas U.S. Cattle, Sheep and Goat July 1 Inventories Down from 2008

Milk Production: Arkansas milk production during the April-June 2009 quarter was 44 million pounds, down 19 percent from the same period in 2008, and down 2 percent from the January-March quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms continued to decline during the quarter, down to 13,000 head. This is 2,500 head fewer than the same period last year, and down 500 head from the previous quarter. Nationally, milk production continues to increase from last year, however, the number of milk cows declined slightly.

Cattle: All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2009, totaled 101.8 million head, down 1 percent from July 1, 2008. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.4 million, were down 1 percent from the 42 million on July 1, 2008; beef cows were down 1 percent, and milk cows were down 2 percent from July 1, 2008. The 2009 calf crop is expected to be 35.6 million, down 1 percent from 2008.

Goats: On July 1, 2009, all goat inventory in the United States totaled 3.71 million head, down 2 percent from the previous July. Milk goat inventory was up 4 percent to a total of 385,000 head, while meat and all other goat inventory was down 1 percent to a total of 3.16 million head.

Sheep: All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2009, totaled 7.05 million head, down 3 percent from July 1, 2008.

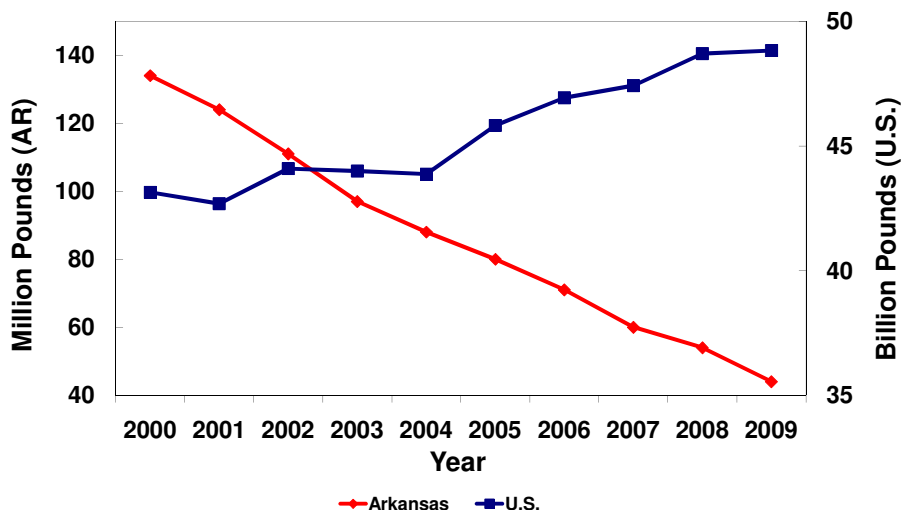
Quarterly Milk Cows and Production, Arkansas, and U.S., 2007-2009

Item/Period	Arkansas				United States			
	2007	2008	2009	% Change from '08	2007	2008	2009	% Change from '08
Milk Cows¹	<i>Thousand Head</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
1st Quarter, Jan - March	18.0	16.5	13.5	-18	9,152	9,286	9,295	+ <0.5
2nd Quarter, April - June	17.5	15.5	13.0	-16	9,170	9,315	9,262	- 1
3rd Quarter, July - Sept	17.0	14.5			9,198	9,330		
4th Quarter, Oct - Dec	17.0	14.0			9,236	9,330		
Milk Production²	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1 st Quarter, Jan- March	61	54	45	-17	46,063	47,610	47,363	-1
2 nd Quarter, April - June	60	54	44	-19	47,438	48,774	48,826	+ <0.5
3 rd Quarter, July - Sept	49	44			46,111	46,881		
4 th Quarter, Oct - Dec	50	43			46,042	46,727		

¹ Average number for the period includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk nursed by calves.

Quarterly Milk Production, Arkansas and U.S., April-June, 2000-2009



U.S. Cattle Inventory by Class, July 1, 2007-2009

Class ¹	2007	2008	2009	% Change from '08
	1,000 Head			
All Cattle and Calves	104,300	103,300	101,800	- 1
All Cows and Heifers that have calved	42,300	42,000	41,400	- 1
Beef Cows	33,150	32,650	32,200	- 1
Milk Cows	9,150	9,350	9,200	- 2
All Heifers 500 pounds and over	16,500	16,300	16,100	- 1
Beef Replacement Heifers	4,700	4,600	4,500	- 2
Milk Replacement Heifers	3,900	3,900	3,900	-
Other Heifers	7,900	7,800	7,700	- 1
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,900	14,700	14,400	- 2
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	2,100	-
Calves Under 500 Pounds	28,500	28,200	27,800	- 1
Cattle and Calves on Feed ²	12,700	12,200	11,600	- 5
Calf Crop	2007	2008	2009	% Change from '08
	1,000 Head			
Calf Crop During Year	36,759	36,113	35,600	- 1

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by class.

U.S. Goat and Sheep Inventory, July 1, 2007-2009

Animal & Class	2007	2008	2009	% Change from '08
	1,000 Head			
All Goats	3,595	3,800	3,710	- 2
Angora Goats	260	230	165	- 3
Meat and Other Goats	3,000	3,200	3,160	-1
Milk Goats	335	370	385	+ 4
All Sheep and Lambs	7,530	7,270	7,050	- 3